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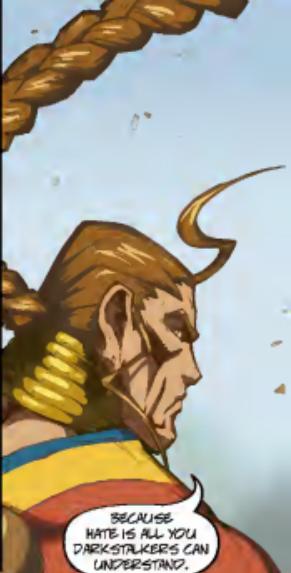
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BOSTON.



SCOTLAND.

THAT'S  
ME HOLD  
IT, RIGHT  
THERE!

WORDS ARE  
INADEQUATE TO  
CONVEY HOW BEAUTIFUL  
YOU LOOK TONIGHT.  
I'M HONORED TO BE THE  
FIRST TO RECORD YOUR  
VISAGE ON CANVAS--TO BE  
APPRECIATED FOR  
ALL ETERNITY.

THAT'S WHAT  
WE ALL CRAVE,  
ISN'T IT? TO EXIST  
FOREVER...IN  
OUR PERFECT  
YOUTH.

WHAT WOULD  
YOU SAY IF I TOLD  
YOU I REPRESENTED  
A MAN WHO COULD  
GRANT THAT TO  
YOU?...

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN? THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE.

ON THE  
CONTRARY, FOR  
THOSE DEEMED  
WORTHY ENOUGH,  
IT MOST  
CERTAINLY IS  
POSSIBLE.

FOR YEARS  
I'VE USED MY EYE  
FOR BEAUTY TO SEARCH  
THE WORLD FOR WOMEN  
LOVELY ENOUGH TO BE  
GIVEN MY EMPLOYER'S  
ULTIMATE GIFT.

AFTER  
MEETING HIM, THEY  
HAVEN'T AGED A  
DAY.

DEMITSU  
MAXIMOV.

I'M...  
INTRIGUED.  
WHO IS THIS MAN  
YOU WORK  
FOR?

DEMITSU!?



DO YOU REALLY  
THINK YOU HAVE A  
CHANCE AGAINST  
ME?!

YOU  
AREN'T EVEN  
A VAMPIRE  
PUREBLOOD!

SPLASH!

I'VE SERVED MY  
MASTER FOR  
OVER A CENTURY!  
DO YOU THINK I  
WOULD EVER  
WILLINGLY  
BETRAY  
HIM?

I BELIEVE  
THIS IS WHEN YOU  
TELL ME EVERYTHING  
YOU KNOW ABOUT  
DEMTRI.

YOU'RE  
NOTHING BUT  
A WEAK HUMAN  
IN VAMPIRE'S  
CLOTHING.

SILLY  
HUMAN. DIDN'T  
YOU KNOW THAT  
YOUR WILL ISN'T  
NECESSARY?

MMMMPH!!!





ROMANIA.

MY APOLOGIZES,  
LORD DEMITRI. BUT  
DAWN IS NEARING.  
YOU SHOULD  
RETURN TO YOUR  
CHAMBER.

HOW MUCH  
LONGER MUST  
YOU EXIST IN THIS  
STATE? IT HAS PAINED  
ME TO SEE YOU LIKE  
THIS ALL THESE  
YEARS.

...LIKE  
AN INSECT  
SKITTERING  
AWAY FROM  
THE LIGHT.

MY TIME  
WILL SOON COME.  
SOON ENOUGH NEITHER  
THE SUN NOR BELIAL  
WILL BE ABLE TO  
CHALLENGE MY  
POWER.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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"ALL MEN WHO HAVE DONNE  
ME THE LIGHT THEY  
COULD WIELD ME LIKE  
SOME COMMON INSTRUMENT.  
BUT THEY ALL DISCOVERED  
THAT I OBEY NO  
MASTER."



"THEY LEARNED  
AFTER THEY HAD  
DRAWN THEIR FIRST  
BLOOD THAT REST  
COULD NOT BE  
THEIRS UNTIL  
MY APPETITE FOR  
CARNAGE WAS  
SATISFIED."



"SOON  
ENOUGH, THEY  
ALL REALIZED THAT  
THEIR WILL WAS NO  
LONGER THEIR OWN,  
BUT INEVITABLY  
MINE..."



"...AND  
THAT MY ONLY  
WILL WAS TO  
BATH IN THE SIGHTS  
AND SMELLS OF  
BLOOD AND BATTLE."





